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Examiner: Shih Chao Chen

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant wishes to correct an error in the Preliminary Amendment filed December 10, 2003 and is unsure what is the most efficient, least confusing way to accomplish it. In "Amendments to the Specification", Applicant requested, "Please amend the second full paragraph of page 6 to the first full paragraph of page 8 as follows". From the copy of the Specification used by Attorney for Applicant, it appears this request should be, "Please amend the second full paragraph of page 7 to the first full paragraph of page 8 as follows". The Examiner is requested to provide guidance on what further steps, if any, need to be taken to correct this error.

A corrected Fig. 5B is submitted herewith to comply with the objection that reference character "26" is not mentioned in the description. This character in the drawing has been changed to "20", the number by which the antenna is designated in the description.

The specification has been amended to make the two corrections specified by the Examiner.

Claims 29-34 remain in this application.

Claims 29-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cox (U.S. 5,714,963). Claim 29 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

In Cox, a latching element 20 is rigidly fastened to radio unit 12 (column 2, lines 45-46). This latching element 20 latches with a latching collar 30 that is locked against rotational movement relative to the feed hub 15 (column 2, lines 61-62). The feed hub 15 is apparently attached to the antenna 11 through casting 18 (column 2, lines 34 and 35), but in any case, attachment/detachment of the radio to/from the antenna is effected by turning latching element 20 (column 3, lines 26-27, line 63) and the radio rigidly fastened to it.

Claim 29 has been amended to recite that Applicant's locking ring is attached and held next to the radio mounting face, able to rotate with respect to the radio mounting face, as the locking ring is rotated into and out of the secured engagement with the antenna mounting face.

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As mentioned above, the latching collar 30 of Cox, likened by the Examiner to Applicant's locking ring, does not rotate with respect to the antenna assembly feed hub 15; it is secured against such rotation. There is no part of Cox that is rotatable with respect to both the antenna and the radio. So the claimed structure is not found in Cox. Moreover, it is submitted that nothing in Cox suggests the desirability of such a structure or how to achieve it. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 29 as amended and its dependent claim 30 are novel and unobvious in view of Cox.

Separately, with respect to claim 30, it is submitted that Cox's latching collar 30 is not channel-shaped. As a result, the Cox arrangement does not correspond to a channel-shaped locking ring being held by ring tabs extending radially away from the radio mounting face center, as taught in Applicant's Figure 5A and 5B and described in claim 30.


It is requested that the rejection of claims 29-30 be withdrawn.

Formerly dependent claims 31-34 have been amended to be in independent form, in accordance with the objection of the Examiner and are now believed allowable.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance, and its allowance is requested. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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